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PQ ref 2307/21 (41) To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the contacts and plans he has made with the private health sector in the provision of the Covid-19 vaccinations; if he will publish details including the costs of any contracts with the private sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Barry

Now that there is a safe and effective vaccine available most people are keen to get vaccinated as quickly as possible. Currently the key constraint is the limited amount of vaccine available so it is not possible to reach everyone as quickly as we would like. Given that limitation the Government published a national list of Provisional Vaccine Allocation Groups on December 8th. This list is available at the following link.

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/39038-provisional-vaccine-allocation-groups/>.

Healthcare worker are frontline staff included in group 2 and 4 depending on their patient contact. The HSE have developed a document that provides a guidance to acute hospitals and community settings in relation to the Sequencing of COVID – 19 vaccination of frontline healthcare workers link provided

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/news/newsfeatures/covid19-updates/covid-19-vaccine-materials/sequencing-of-covid-19-vaccination-of-frontline-healthcare-workers.pdf>

published on the 12th of January 2021. This does not distinguish between public or private sector.

The contract in place with private hospitals relates to service delivery rather than vaccines,

I hope that this provides you with assistance,

Yours sincerely

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